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WORKERS HAVE NO BORDERS!



Progressive Labor Party gets positive response to antiracism and communism in Staten Island

STATEN ISLAND, NY, August 28—Progressive Labor Party (PLP) members and friends rallied against hundreds of gutter racists who oppose housing migrant workers in an abandoned Catholic school, St. John Villar.

In Staten Island the racists put out flyers online calling their gathering a block party. A local PL'er here made the Party aware of the situation and we immediately decided we needed to organize to support the migrant workers the very same day (See letter on page 6). 30 antiracists marched armed with multiracial unity, communist internationalism and CHALLENGE. PLP is a fighting party, so when the international working class is under attack, we stand up and fight back.

As this system sinks deeper into decay, more crises like climate change, inter-imperialist war, and inflation will force more workers to flee and seek refuge in imperialist strongholds like the United States and Europe. Our only refuge from this global misery is to smash this lethal racist system, and build a communist world without profits, wars, nations, or borders. We welcome migrant workers to fight for communism. Join PLP!

Racist anti-migrant propaganda along with decades of segregation, liberal misleadership, and widening inequality pushed many workers in Staten Island into the hands of gutter racists, followers of Donald Trump. These misleaders use toxic patriotism and anti-migrant racism to pit white workers against their fellow class brothers and sisters. We call them Small Fascists.

But the Democratic Party liberals are just as bad if not worse. From mass incarceration, to brutal deportations to killer cops in the big cities and migrants sleeping on sidewalks, the liberals are responsible. And they are more dangerous because they talk nice. We call them Big Fascists.

The plan, the action, the reaction

Everyone gathered an hour before the racists "block party" to discuss what to expect and assigned tasks for the march. We wanted to respond quickly to any situation and get close to deliver messages of solidarity to migrant workers.

At our designated starting point, before kicking off our march we made signs, distributed CHALLENGEs and talked with workers standing nearby. One worker expressed gratitude that communists from Brooklyn came to Staten Island to fight racism, and talked about how Staten Island was purposefully designed to be politically and geographically segregated to keep workers divided. We then started picketing, chanting Asian, Latin, Black, and white workers of the world unite, which immediately grabbed workers attention. Our multiracial group, our discipline and our militant antiracist chant: Racism means we got to fight back! inspired two young Black workers to join our march. Along the way, we got positive receptions from antiracist white, Latin, and Black workers.

But with the positive also comes negative. We encountered several racists heading to their racist block party, clutching American flags. Some of the racists began to shout at us but we chanted even louder to drown their provocations.

As we neared the end of our march we noticed the school area was swarming with kkkops who set up barricades, blocking us from moving closer to the racists. We quickly moved to form a picket line and began chanting as loudly as possible, making sure our message reached the migrants inside.

As we picketed, PL'ers took turns giving out speeches in English, Spanish, and Kreyol on the bullhorn, highlighting internationalism and multiracial unity, letting migrants know that communists are welcoming them, and that they deserve better than what they've been provided. Migrants are only seeking refuge in the first place because of this racist capitalism. Big Fascist politicians like KKKathy Hochul, Jim Crow Joe Biden

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OUR FIGHT

✰Progressive Labor Party (PLP) fights to destroy capitalism and the dictatorship of the capitalist class. We organize workers, soldiers and youth into a revolutionary movement for communism.

✰The dictatorship of the working class — communism—can provide a lasting solution to the disaster that is today's world for billions of people. This cannot be done through electoral politics, but requires a revolutionary movement and a mass Red Army led by PLP.

✰Worldwide capitalism, in its relentless drive for profit, inevitably leads to war, fascism, poverty, disease, starvation and environmental destruction. The capitalist class, through its state power — governments, armies, police, schools and culture — maintains a dictatorship over the world's workers. The capitalist dictatorship supports, and is supported by, the anti-working-class ideologies of racism, sexism, nationalism, individualism and religion.

✰While the bosses and their mouthpieces claim "communism is dead," capitalism is the real failure for billions worldwide. Capitalism returned to Russia and China because socialism retained many aspects of the profit system, like wages and privileges. Russia and China did not establish communism.

✰Communism means working collectively to build a worker-run society. We will abolish work for wages, money and profits. While capitalism needs unemployment, communism needs everyone to contribute and share in society's benefits and burdens.

✰Communism means abolishing racism and the concept of "race." Capitalism uses racism to super-exploit Black, Latin, Asian and indigenous workers, and to divide the entire working class.

✰Communism means abolishing the special oppression of women— sexism—and divisive gender roles created by the class society.

✰Communism means abolishing nations and nationalism. One international working class, one world, one Party.

✰Communism means that the minds of millions of workers must become free from religion's false promises, unscientific thinking and poisonous ideology. Communism will triumph when the masses of workers can use the science of dialectical materialism to understand, analyze and change the world to meet their needs and aspirations.

✰Communism means the Party leads every aspect of society. For this to work, millions of workers — eventually everyone — must become communist organizers. Join Us!

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Editorial

The only climate solution is communist revolution

On September 17, in a desperate campaign to stop global warming, thousands of climate activists, business leaders, government officials, and "civil society representatives" will converge upon New York City for the fifteenth annual Climate Week. Co-sponsored by the United Nations, an organization born in 1945 to serve U.S. imperialism and the postwar liberal world order, the event has a bold slogan: "We Can. We Will."

In reality, the reformists can't—and the capitalist bosses won't. After a summer of lethal heat waves, biblical floods, hot tub oceans, runaway wildfires, and toxic orange skies, liberal reforms cannot prevent wholesale catastrophe from climate change. Climate action has hit a wall. Greenhouse gas emissions set an all-time high in 2022, and will do so again in 2023. The rulers are wedded to heat-trapping fossil fuels for two fundamental reasons: maximum profit and inter-imperialist rivalry. From China to the United States, their system is falling into crisis. With fascism rising and World War III on the horizon, capitalism has no answers for perpetual war, massive poverty, or resurgent infectious diseases. It surely has none for the vast challenge of climate change and the racist horrors we are witnessing in real time.

Only a communist world, run by and for the international working class, can balance our needs for energy with the priorities of health, safety, and development that serve our class interests. Only the working class can be trusted to make life-and-death decisions on how to heat and power our world—to build more safely run nuclear reactors, for example. There's no climate solution without communist revolution!

Clean energy "transition" is dead in the water

Beginning in the 19th century, coal and oil and gas fueled the rise of capitalism. They brought millions of workers out of the cold. They created modern industry and transportation—and modern wars for profit. But today, fossil fuels are Exhibit A of capitalism in decay. They're filthy and inefficient and force multipliers of racist inequality. Climate change is deadly for workers, and for Black and Brown workers most of all. Nine million people a year die from the fine particulate matter linked to greenhouse gasses. Half a million die from extreme heat alone. In 2022, climate disasters forced 100 million workers to flee their homes. One third of Pakistan was under water.

In 2015, at a benchmark climate summit in Paris, the UN set a "binding" target for global warming of 2 degrees Celsius—or 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit—over pre-industrial levels. (For context, the Earth has already warmed by 1.2 degrees Celsius.) Based on current climate policies, according to Columbia University physicist James Hansen, the planet will punch through the Paris ceiling before 2050 ("Global Warming in the Pipeline," www.columbia.edu, 7/5). By 2100, within the lifetimes of children here today, the Earth projects to be at least 2.7 degrees hotter (climateactiontracker.org). That might not sound like much, but consider: The last Ice Age was triggered by a temperature shift of just 6 degrees Celsius. At 2.7 degrees of warming, scientists predict that the Earth will pass calamitous tipping points of no return (nature.com, 11/27/19). Coral reefs will go extinct. Polar glaciers will dissolve and drown islands around the globe (abc.net.au, 3/28/22). A billion or more climate migrants will be trapped between unbearable conditions and the bosses' borders (economicsandpeace.org, 9/9/20).

Meanwhile, recent UN climate summits have been hijacked by Big Oil, the same monsters who for decades spewed climate disinformation alongside their carbon dioxide. This December's conference is set for the capitalist Disneyland of Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates. Presiding will be Sultan Al Jaber, head of the state-owned energy company. Like Saudi Arabia, another immigrant slave state, the UAE is committed to unlimited exploitation of its oil and gas reserves to 2100 and beyond.

Fossil fuels and imperialist plunder

Why can't the capitalist rulers tackle this existential threat? The short answer is that fossil fuels remain highly profitable, at least in the short term—and capitalism has a chaotically short-term outlook. After Russia invaded Ukraine, energy markets went haywire. The price of oil soared. The "supermajors"—ExxonMobil, Chevron, Shell, BP—junked plans to diversify into renewables. With lavish financing from the likes of JPMorgan Chase and Citi, they doubled down on their old business model. In 2022, they plowed $4 trillion of record windfall profits into dividends, share buybacks, and expanded fossil fuel production. Barely half of 1 percent of their ill-gotten gains went toward clean energy (iea.org, May 2023). Exxon spent less than $3 billion on "lower greenhouse gas emissions initiatives" and $23 billion on new oil and gas projects (euronews.com/1/2).

Even as solar and wind prices have plunged, and clean electricity runs much of the world's power grids, the fossil fuel sector keeps growing. When President Joe Biden rammed through his Inflation Reduction Act, media cheerleaders said it could stimulate $1 trillion in renewable energy investments. They glossed over the fact that Biden also greenlit the immense Willow oil project in Alaska and three huge pipelines for natural gas. His Energy Department is ready to lease eighty million acres of the Gulf of Mexico—twice the area of Florida—for offshore drilling (cnbc.com, 11/17/21).

The U.S. and Europe, which have plundered the world for centuries with the aid of fossil fuels, are at odds with emerging economies—notably China—that want their turn at the plundering. Although China dominates the solar panel and battery industries, and soon will dominate offshore wind, it also consumes more than half the world's coal. Over the last year, China approved an average of two new coal-powered plants per week, a source of cheap energy and jobs in a country where youth unemployment exceeds 21 percent (statista.com).

In July, President Xi Jinping told U.S. climate envoy John Kerry that future cooperation on climate would hinge on U.S. policies on Taiwan and trade. All bets will be off if the two superpowers keep sliding toward world war—oil is the life's blood of their armies, after all. The U.S. military alone consumes more than 100 billion barrels per year (ucusa.org, 6/1/14).

Carrots, sticks, and communism

It's easy for the capitalists to shower clean energy with the carrots of subsidies and tax breaks. But no matter how much solar and wind and hydropower is deployed, global warming won't stop until the fossil fuel economy gets mostly dismantled. That can't happen without some big sticks, beginning with a punitive tax on carbon. The issue with sticks is that they hurt certain bosses' profits. With the U.S. ruling class deeply split, and the Republican Party significantly controlled by Koch Industries, coal giant Peabody, and other domestic energy interests, Biden's Democrats have little room to maneuver. But the primary obstacles to meaningful climate action are the lack of discipline and long-range thinking within finance capital, the liberal main wing of global banks and multinational oil companies. Nor is there much appetite for sticks on the world stage. When recent climate summits floated a "phaseout" of coal or a "phasedown" of all fossil fuels, they were vetoed by China, India, Brazil, and imperialist Russia, which gets nearly half its revenues from oil and gas.

As workers join the mass movement against climate change, we need to be clear that individual actions can't win this monumental battle. It's not nearly enough to compost or recycle or buy an electric vehicle—or to vote for a "green" politician. The rulers and their callous greed created this crisis; the international working class will solve it. The fight for a sustainable planet can't be set apart from our fight to smash the racist, sexist profit system that chokes the atmosphere. A communist society, led by Progressive Labor Party, will unleash the technology and creativity we need to forge a new world, one where workers' lives and well-being come first. Join us!

For Duprey

To end police murder, smash capitalism

THE BRONX, August 23—Killer KKKop Erik Duran threw a 40-pound cooler point-blank at 30-year-old father Eric Duprey while he was on a motorbike, murdering him within minutes. While the bosses' media has been quick to do anything they can to smear Eric Duprey's character, his family knew him as a loving father who enjoyed doing tricks on his motorbike.

On August 26, dozens of workers protested at the site of Eric's murder, and demanded justice. A sign at his street vigil reads, "NYPD is the Blue Klux Klan." Another reads, "Only we can keep us safe." A march to the 52nd precinct was called on September 1.

We too want justice for Eric Duprey. Sadly, there will be no justice under capitalism, a system designed to kill and terrorize the working class with impunity. Workers need a system where racism is outlawed, where killer kkkops will no longer prowl the streets looking for victims, and where all workers will be able to live in dignity. This system is communism, and Progressive Labor Party (PLP) fights for it every day. Join us!

On August 28, members of PLP visited the vigil and spoke with Eric's wife and some of his friends. One of Eric's friends explained that other cops saw what Duran was doing, but none of them tried to stop him. Eric's wife said that she knew Raymond Chalusiant, an 18-year-old Latin teen who killer kop Dion Middleton killed last summer for playing with a water gun. Raymond lived only a 10 minute walk from where Erik Duran murdered Eric Duprey this week. This exposes the reformist lies that there are merely a "few bad apples" within the police force. The police exist to keep the working class in check, particularly by terrorizing Black and Latin working class communities. The cops, the courts, the Ku Klux Klan: All are part of the bosses' plan!

Black cop, white cop, all the same: racist terror is the name of the game!

The Big Fascists, the liberal main wing of the U.S. ruling class, are trying to win workers to the idea that multiracial capitalism is the answer to these racist police murders. No amount of diversity initiatives or Black or Latin cops will end police murder. Dion Middleton, a Black correctional officer, murdered Raymond Chalusiant. Erik Duran, a Latin Narcotics Sergeant, murdered Eric Duprey. These Black and Latin KKKops enforce the same racist, murderous system as their white counterparts, all under the administration of Black ex-cop Eric Adams and Black Attorney General Letitia James.



Racist killer cops protect capitalists and their system, so that system let's them go free

Assassin Sergeant Erik Duran had already been named in two lawsuits and had 17 prior complaints, 15 of which were for "abuse of authority" and one for the use of "physical force." But he is just one player in the ruling class' ramp up of racist police terror in an era of expanding fascist control. In 2022, the New York Police Department (NYPD) conducted more stop-and-frisks than any year since 2015 (ACLU of New York, 2023). Adams' latest racist plan is to use drones to monitor the backyard parties of mostly West Indian Brooklyn residents during the annual J'ouvert celebration. And the policing doesn't end in the streets. Black NYC Education department Chancellor David Banks just announced that elementary school principals will be holding regular zoom meetings with local police precincts. We cannot be fooled: While the bosses try to trick workers into supporting these initiatives out of concern for their "safety," they are really trying to expand social control as part of the path to fascism. The Big Fascists need workers to obediently fall in line when they throw us into world war with their imperialist rivals.

No justice under a capitalist system

Erik Duran has been suspended without pay, but so far has not been arrested or charged with murder. We say, "NYPD–you can't hide! We charge you with genocide!" Even in the very unlikely chance that Erik Duran ends up charged or even convicted with murder, no amount of jail time will bring Eric Duprey back from the dead or end racist police murder.

The ruling class depends on their killer cop army to prevent revolution and maintain social control. The cops use racist murder and violence as their primary tactic. No amount of reform or training will fix these issues. Only under communism can we end police murder and smash racism once and for all. Communism will remove the material conditions required for racism. The international working class will make sure that everyone's material needs are met and focus on building community rather than tearing it down. Join the Progressive Labor Party! ✪

No justice, no racist police

Fight anti-Muslim state terror

BRIDGEVIEW, ILLINOIS, August 6 – Communists from Progressive Labor Party (PLP) stood in bold solidarity today with dozens of angry multiracial workers at the traffic kkkourt hearing for racist killer, 27-year-old Leanne Cusack. She is the white woman charged with "failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident" after snuffing out the life of 28-year-old Arab worker, Murod Kurdi, on June 5th.

In Oak Lawn, the neighboring city to this Cook County kkkourthouse, he was run over as he opened the driver's side of his parked car, then laid in critical condition as Leanne continued driving for a block and a half. She then called her lawyer with her four-year-old in her back seat, never calling 911 herself so an ambulance could give Murod a fighting chance. Once kkkops arrived, she refused to do a Breathalyzer test and was allowed to go home without further investigation.

The racist travesty continued in kkkourt, when she was escorted out the back door to "protect" her from the family of the man she killed. Workers fighting for justice for Murod were clearly agitated. This southwest suburb of Chicago has "an interesting way of dealing with the immigrant population," said one Arab worker when discussing how we learned about Murod while attending the monthly rally for assaulted teen Hadi Abuatelah (See CHALLENGE, 6/22).

This is another way to say, this capitalist state is racist to its core. It always has and always will be. It can never fundamentally reform itself to serve the needs of the working class; only a worker-led communist state can do that. As we fight for justice for Murod, Hadi, and so many others, we fight to win millions of workers to the task of building a mass international PLP for communist revolution and the end of capitalism!



For Murodi, Hadi, and too many other names fight for communism!

Mass antiracist struggle carries on

Many in the crowd chanting, "Justice for Murod Kurdi," have also been chanting, "Justice for Hadi," since last August. We were there helping continue a now year long commitment to the sustained antiracist fightback against the brutal police beating of 17-year-old Hadi. Of the three kkkops involved in the summer 2022 racist assault, only one has faced any disciplinary measures. Patrick O'Donnell has been charged with battery and misconduct but remains employed by the Oak Lawn police on administrative leave (aka paid vacation).

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Retired workers fight sick system



Communist healthcare, based on need, will be run by healthcare workers, not by profiteering insurance companies

NEW YORK CITY, September 4—Retired city workers here in NYC are fighting back against the joint city bosses and union plan to force 250,000 retirees from traditional Medicare plus, a premium free medigap plan, into a Medicare (dis)advantage plan run by a private for-profit insurance company. This struggle, which has been going on for over two years, has exposed once again that healthcare is run to provide profits for the healthcare bosses and the needs of the capitalist state rather than the needs of the working class. Only communist revolution can build a society where healthcare is based on the needs of the working class.

As access to health care services has become more difficult in the U.S., life expectancy has dropped every year for the last five years. It is at its lowest since 1996 (CDC, 8/31/22). We have all heard personal stories of health care delayed or denied by insurance companies causing unnecessary deaths and of shortages and the high price of drugs causing still more fatalities. Furthermore, Black workers here have the highest age adjusted death rate amongst all workers in the U.S. (Society of Actuaries, 7/20). Racism infects all aspects of the U.S. healthcare system. For example, the higher copays included in the Medicare (dis)advantage plan would hurt all but fall disproportionately hard on low-income Black, Latin and women retirees. This will only change when we replace capitalism with communism.

Fighting back gives the workers a temporary win

A recent court decision blocked the city/union plan from going into effect. This occurred because of the determined efforts of retirees to fight back! Although the judge found that retiree's property rights (the underpinnings of the U.S. legal system) had been violated by the city/union plan, this doesn't mean that this particular attack will "stop" or that the legal basis preventing it won't be "legally" changed or superseded. As the reality of war and fascism develop, more and more of the "rights" we think we are guaranteed will fall away. The only "right" we can rely on is our willingness to fight.

At every step of this struggle we have fought not only the city bosses but also the leadership of the Municipal Labor Committee (MLC). Furthermore, we expect that the MLC will soon announce new health care coverage for city workers that will reduce access to healthcare institutions and cost them more. Every choice that has been made by the MLC leaders has protected the profits of the medical insurance companies and the pharmaceutical industry and has attempted to shift additional costs to workers. As the old saying goes, "with friends like these, who needs enemies?"

Workers need communism, not union leaders

Many retirees wonder why the MLC is on the side of the city bosses. PLP says that unions are capitalist institutions and union leaders accept capitalism and its needs. Union leaders sit on the boards of directors of health insurance companies. They sit on pension boards that invest in and hope to profit from health insurance and pharmaceutical companies. They therefore will seek to force workers through lies, persuasion and coercion into 1) accepting more and more fascist cutbacks and 2) preventing any resistance.

On Labor Day Marches this year thousands and thousands of workers will be marching through the streets of New York and elsewhere in the U.S. What if these workers were won to join together under the leadership of Progressive Labor Party to fight for communist revolution? Then we could build a society where the health needs and all needs of every worker would be guaranteed!✪

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Workers have no borders

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and Top kkkop Eric Adams represent the set of imperialist liberal bosses that helped create the miserable capitalist conditions they're trying to escape from.

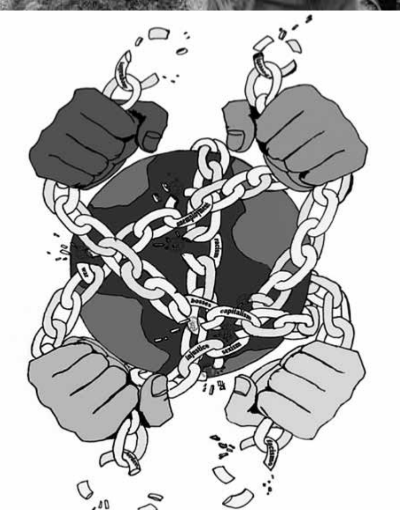
A PLP public school teacher gave a speech saying that migrants come here to escape violence in search of a safer place to educate their children. Instead they are facing homelessness and a racist overcrowded and under-resourced public school system. Neither Democrat Adams, who cut hundreds of millions in school funding (NYCLU, 8/26/22), nor any Republicans have a plan in place to manage the volume of migrant children who need to attend school in September.



Fight for communism

The PL'er finished her speech by calling for migrants to fight for communism, the only system where our class and our children can receive the quality of life they deserve, where workers, not racist capitalist servants,will run society to meet all of our class needs. Shortly after we concluded our speeches, we marched and chanted all the way back to the intersection where we began. We quickly dispersed and got into the cars we arrived in, concluding our successful and militant action.

We left knowing that our action left a powerful impact. In this volatile period of crisis, growing fascism, and sharpening attacks against our class, these are just one of the many actions that will serve to train workers to build the multiracial, disciplined working class army needed to lead us towards communist revolution. Our Party demonstrated that while our forces were small we are the fighting, disciplined Party capable of leading our class to communist victory. Onward!✪



Fight anti-Muslim state terror

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Mark Hollingsworth, who also took part in the brutal beating which left Hadi Abuatelah hospitalized with severe brain and spinal injuries, has been given more responsibility in the department. He was sent to manipulate Murod's mother, showing her body camera footage of Cusack that supposedly demonstrated her sobriety. Murod's mother Fadia led the antiracist fightback, exclaiming in a speech "This could happen to anyone not just me!" to a crowd of supporters.

Seeing the KKKourts and KKKops reward some officers while slapping others on the wrist illustrates the dead end of reformism. The calls for us to hold politicians like Illinois Big Fascist liberal misleaders such as state's attorney Kim Foxx and Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul have yielded, in the case of Hadi, deceptively dangerous, minimal and impermanent gains. We find ourselves in the same position with fatal results a year later, fighting again.

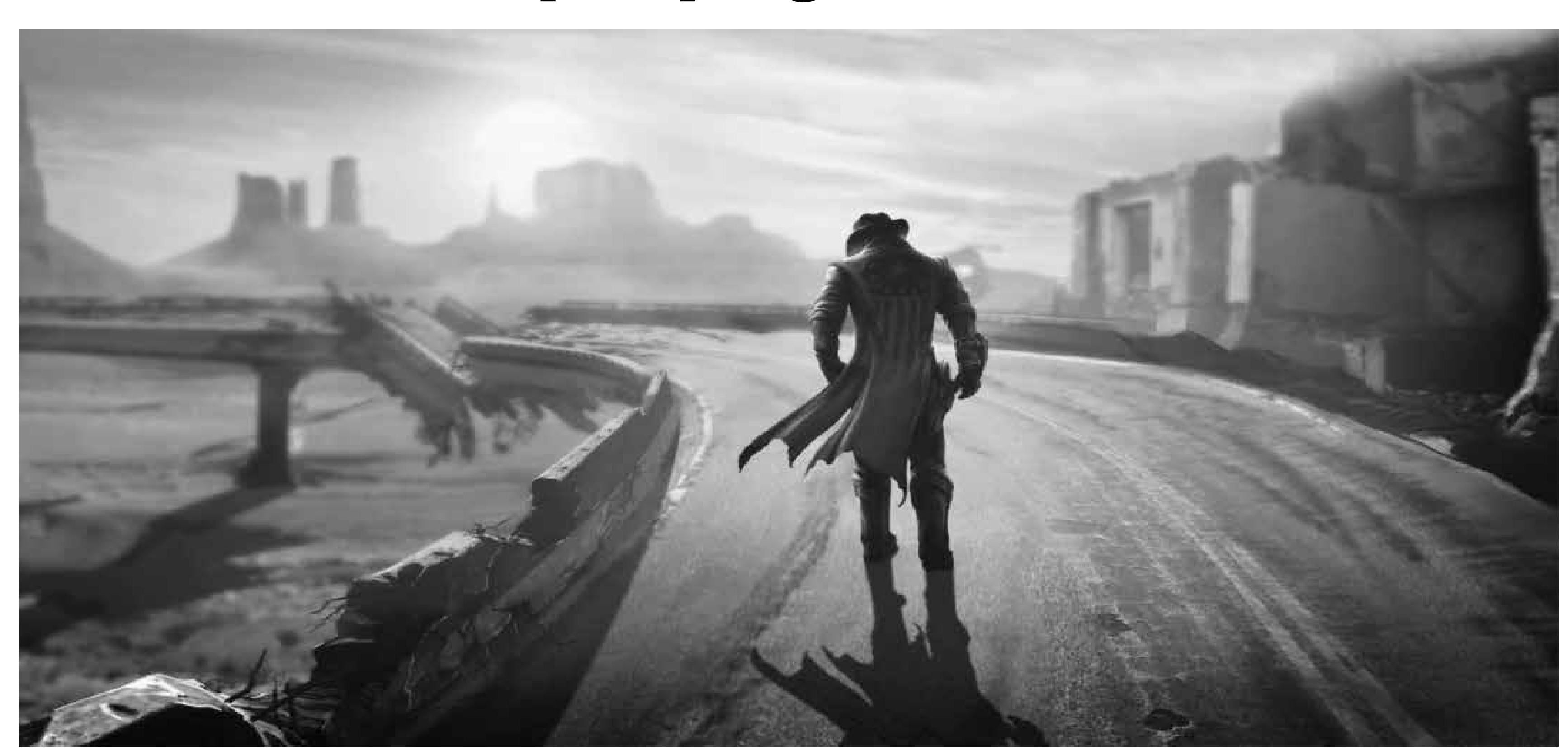
However, during the following August 2nd Oak Lawn Police and Fire Board meeting a few days before Cusack's court date, the militant tactics of the base of workers supporting the righteous protest was inspiring to behold. Workers interrupted the farcical proceedings of the unelected Police Board commissioners with a statement and chants of "Justice for Hadi" and "Justice for Murod." The numerous police officers providing security demanded all Hadi/Murod supporters leave while allowing those part of a three-person Small Fascist, "back the blue" contingent to stay.

The Small Fascist commissioners leaned heavily on the rules for their meeting and reconvened the meeting after throwing us out. An organizer pointed out that they treat vehicular homicide and vicious beating of children with impunity but enforce the letter of their meeting rules. We continued chanting in front of the courthouse for the duration of the meeting. When the Small Fascist commissioners and their "back the blue" goons exited, we chanted, "Go home, racist" and "go home, fascist" as the gutter racists walked to their cars. The level of militancy of the outraged workers was high and inspired revolutionary optimism.

Communist politics are the antidote to deadly capitalist poison

At the actions of both Murod and Hadi the antiracist anger and militancy are always justifiably high, a testament to the power of a united working class. There is no doubt that this militancy will continue at the upcoming actions in September as we continue the struggle. Our task as always remains to play a key role in broadening the base of the mass working-class movement, sharpening the class struggle, and widely spreading communist politics as the antidote to the poisons of capitalism.✪

Fallout New Vegas: Liberal capitalist propaganda



Fallout New Vegas, a video game that offers different flavors of capitalist poison

Video games have become a powerful tool of capitalist propaganda, aimed largely at youth, especially working class youth. *Call of Duty* in its various editions may well be the best known and most vicious form of supporting U.S. imperialist aggression while desensitizing players to the true cost of war. But there are other, subtler forms of propaganda in other video games that steer players away from real-life class struggle, as in the popular *Fallout Series (FS)*.

Teaching players capitalism is permanent

FS is a well-designed video game series that unfortunately teaches the players that mass struggle for communism is impossible and that only exploitative regimes can triumph. Unlike games like *Call of Duty, Fallout's* anti-communism is more subtle and insidious. It critiques Red Scare McCarthyism as stupid, nationalist, and lacking substance. But the series promotes, instead, capitalist realism (the notion that it is easier to imagine an end to the world than an end to capitalism), pacifism, nationalism, and the "big-man" theory of history, rejecting the role of the working class in making and changing history.

The *Fallout* series is set in a post-apocalyptic world where the Cold War didn't end, energy scarcity leads to resource wars, and a nuclear exchange between the U.S. and China devastates the planet. *Fallout New Vegas (FNV)* lets the player choose among factions vying for control of the city of New Vegas, the Hoover Dam, and the Mojave Desert. The main factions are Caesar's Legion, a Roman-style slave empire; Mr. House, a billionaire modeled after Howard Hughes currently in control of the region; the NCR, a liberal capitalist nation expanding from the West Coast; and an "independent" New Vegas.

All of these options are simply different flavors of capitalism. All options involve keeping class relations, money, and markets, because the publishers and developers think there are no alternatives.

Workers divided, virtually

There are other groups in the game including the Followers of the Apocalypse (FA), a liberal group trying to do good works like medical



care and education. But FA lacks political goals for the larger region and does not intend to take up arms to defend their community. They are the non-violent alternative that the bosses offer us as an alternative to mass communist rebellion. Another group is the Bright Brotherhood, a ghoul separatist cult. Led by a "prophet" named Jason Bright, the Bright Brotherhood seeks a "promised land" for Ghouls. In this world, human workers are bigoted against Ghouls and Super Mutants (in an echo of white prejudice against Black and Latin workers in the real world). Ghouls are slowly rotting but still walking, talking, and thinking, but they sometimes go "feral" and start indiscriminately attacking others. Super Mutants are humans who were genetically altered to be super soldiers like the Incredible Hulk. Many Supermutants attack humans on sight and have severe brain damage from the transformation. As a result, humans treat both Super Mutants and Ghouls as threats to survival.

Within this fictional world, ghoul separatism makes sense. Nothing can be done about their violent medical condition, making widespread acceptance by humans impossible. In the real world, however, all workers are human and the oppression of Black and Latin workers, women workers, disabled workers, and LGBTQ workers is something we need to fight as a united revolutionary working class. If we divide ourselves into small groups based on our identities and try to solve each problem individually, the bosses will destroy us one at a time. Once again, *FNV* misleads us.

No faction or organization advances international solidarity or complete victory over exploitation. There's no vision of defeating the NCR, the Legion, or Mr. House completely. The slave empire to the east continues to grow and enslave more workers. The rotten liberal democracy to the west continues to exploit workers through wage-labor and by allowing outright slavery within its borders. If either one grows powerful enough, it will seize control of New Vegas. The writers of *FNV* sell us strategies doomed to fail.

Bosses' individualism on your gaming system

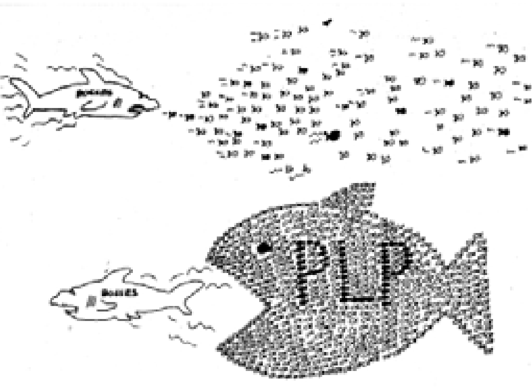
FNV's central premise is hyper individualism that promotes the big man theory of history. The player vies with other faction leaders as the primary movers of history. You as the protagonist are a one-person army who decides if people get water and power and who wins the war for control of New Vegas. You start out as a lowly courier and through hard-work and determination become unstoppable. Similarly, Mr. House and Caesar are supposed to be individuals who created their own fates because of their sheer intellect and skill. In the real world, however, societies are driven by material conditions and class struggle rather than individual heroes.

Exceptional individuals exist in history, but they impact society history only when material conditions allow it. Adolf Hitler was a skilled propagandist, but his Nazis only ruled Germany because German capitalists faced insurmountable crises. Bronze Age despots like the Pharaohs were ruthless and cunning, but they only came to power because the emerging priest class needed a state to help exploit workers. *FNV* advances the bosses' notion of individualism and cults of personality instead of worker solidarity.

One can legitimately praise *FNV* for its writing, immersive story-telling, and game-play, but its political message is poison. Even though the *Fallout* series is sold as being more nuanced, with diverse political representation, its message is anti-communist and counterrevolutionary. Put down the game controller, grab your best friends, and head out to share CHALLENGE with others and engage in antiracist battles against the real enemies, the capitalist class!✪

LETTERS

We encourage <u>all</u> CHALLENGE readers to send in letters and articles about their experiences fighting the bosses worldwide.



Why do we need the Party?

LR Why I joined

On July 16, 2023, I joined the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) where I became part of a collective communist tradition. It just so happened that I joined on the last day of PLP's International Convention. As a young communist, I was enamored by the weekend-filled events, workshops, sing-alongs, and breaking bread with some of the sharpest minds and committed comrades. I am proud to say that this was the first political party where I not only felt I belonged, but also where I knew I was surrounded by people who were serious about organizing the international working class, about fighting for communism.

Why is this important to say? Because the so-called "left" in the United States is in complete disarray. We are nowhere near building the capacity that we need in order to defeat the bosses and win. The left has been divided into many meaningless factions with no real, tangible, political objective and a plan to get there. For a time, I was floating around various Pan-Africanist and cultural nationalist groups that understated the primacy of class analysis within a mass organization or party. They lacked the understanding required to fully commit to building multi-racial class unity. It was not until I started to hang around folks at PLP that I saw how wrong I was. I attended the international convention in hopes to better understand the objectives of the Party and really see if they practiced what they preached and wow.

They certainly proved that and then some. I walked into the huge foyer on the last day of the convention where I saw the most diverse, inter-generational, and international group of people all around me speaking several different languages but somehow I still felt like I could understand what they were saying. I was greeted several times with warm smiles and gestures showing me where I could sit and eat, look at old newspaper clippings of comrades fighting fascists, supporting revolutionary, anti-colonial movements in the Global South, and/or engaging in direct class struggle. I had the chance to meet with a comrade from Chicago…an older Black woman, who sat me down and told me her story of how she came across the party and eventually joined. She was willing to answer all my questions and defended the party line vehemently. She's been with PLP for over 30 years.All I could do was smile as we all gathered around towards the end of the convention singing "The Internationale." Because I finally saw the future…what a communist future would look like. It was right in front of me. And since that day, I've been incredibly motivated to fight with the rest of the working class to see this future too and fight back with us.

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East Africa: 'comrades stronger than ever'

Comrades from East Africa are now growing stronger than ever. The Progressive Labor Party (PLP) meeting helped me to be more aware and patient in fighting against fascism beyond borders, "races" and nationalities in our class struggle.

Many East African comrades are now better prepared to recruit new members to our Party by forming close friendships with them and working with them inside different institutions like colleges, schools, political parties, and in the agriculture industry. We learned from one comrade who was part of an antisexist fight at a university where girl students are sexually bribed by professors to get high marks.

We are becoming stronger after having several annual meetings with our Party from different parts of the world who shared with us how to organize our Party— things like how to be patient, how to remove fear, how to organize our fighting through practicing criticism and self criticism, and how to be more active in the class struggle. We learned how to organize ourselves by forming clubs, using online meetings and evaluating our fighting. We learned how to pick out one leader, even though we are all leaders.

Our collectivity is a strong weapon against fascism and unscientific thinking. Joining PLP is the solution to fighting for workers dignity and against all the evils of capitalism.

A sweeping victory for a brave athlete and her team

Standing for the national anthem is a choice everyone has to make in their life. From the beginning of my collegiate volleyball career and years prior, I've always kneeled during the playing of the racist national anthem. On my present team I am one of two, on a team of sixteen girls, who consistently kneels. While most are scared to kneel it gives me a sense of power while others praise this racist country.

On the weekend of August 26th my volleyball team was traveling to Liberty University, a university known for being highly religious and racist and sexist. This school brought on a new challenge for me, as the thought of aggressive backlash was a very possible outcome. The history and state of this school is very problematic, and the environment they create felt unsafe to some of the girls on the team. Liberty University is known for their strict rules on how they operate, having a handbook that is disgustingly prejudiced, and operating under a point system called "The Liberty Way".

This point system declares that "sexual relations outside a biblically ordained marriage, romantic displays of affection with a member of the same sex (e.g., hand-holding, kissing, dating, etc.), and actions confirming denial of biological birth sex (e.g., asking to be referred to by pronouns inconsistent with one's birth sex, using restrooms and changing facilities reserved for persons other than one's birth sex, etc.) are prohibited by The Liberty Way." Any of these prohibited actions will result in points that eventually will add up to result in $50 to $100 fines.

After doing more research I found that the very president of Liberty University was also involved with a blackface scandal resulting in multiple of Liberty's Black staff members quitting. The actions of this school did not align with my political views and I wanted to do something about it, while also feeling safer in a hostile environment. After talking with a couple girls on my team I decided to ask my team, and coaches, if they wanted to participate in kneeling for the national anthem with me for this weekend. At first, I got a couple immediate yes's from people who wanted to support me and kneel in protest of this problematic school. I also met with many people (staff and teammates) who asked questions about why I kneel, and simply wanted to learn more about the school and why I asked them to kneel this specific weekend. I was overall met with a lot of positive and excited teammates who wanted to make an impact.

However, even though I was met with lots of positivity, many of them were met with angered parents who were very upset with them, threatening to stop supporting them financially, and questioning their loyalty to their family and their morals. Even through the scary environment and disappointment from parents, almost every girl and staff member made their own decision and chose to kneel, in support of me and against racism and sexism. Many parents and girls got very emotional, feeling the power we were generating from our statement. My teammates had many thoughts after doing something they've never done before.

After speaking to a couple of them they stated that it was nerve wracking but they felt powerful in their actions. Other teammates even spoke to how kneeling for the anthem was important to them because of the racism they experienced growing up, and how unsatisfactory and unfair our system is. This was truly a bonding, touching, and impactful experience that sparked tears from fans and players. We went on to sweep our opponent resulting in two victories that day.

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Helsinki trip meets antiracist demonstration

I was visiting Helsinki in early September and found myself in the middle of a huge demonstration against racism and fascism, with over 11,000 people marching through the city's center for hours.

The demonstration was called by over a hundred groups angry about racism and about government ministers with fascist backgrounds holding office, such as the Deputy Prime Minister, who had to apologize over the summer for hundreds of racist and anti-immigrant slurs in her social media.

The march was led by a huge banner in Finnish saying, "We Will Not Be Silent" and a banner in Finnish, Swedish and English demanding "Racists and Fascists OUT!" The call for the march denounced the government's new statement against racism, demanding action instead. It also called for racists and fascists to be thrown out of government.

I joined the march for a while, joining in familiar chants (even though they were in different languages!) and talking with some of the marchers about what it would take to really end racism and fascism not only in Finland, but everywhere. Several I spoke to agreed that racism couldn't be ended by any capitalist government and that only a multi-racial fight by the working class could make real change. One was especially interested to hear about Progressive Labor Party, and I promised to send copies of CHALLENGE.

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What to do when nazis protest in your neighborhood

For more than a year, workers fleeing intolerable conditions of extreme poverty and deadly drug gang warfare in their home countries, have been bussed from the southwestern U.S. border to NYC in the tens of thousands. They have struggled through many hardships to get here, hoping for jobs and a better, safer life for themselves and their children. What they have found when they arrive is that no coherent plan has been made for them by national or local politicians.

Working people are under attack throughout the world. Wars rage, as capitalist rulers try to extend or maintain their power abroad, while using fascist terror to increase the exploitation of their own workers at home to maximize profits. We workers here in the U.S. face many of the same problems, as bosses downsize, close shop, and speed up those workers still with jobs, while the rulers' front men, politicians of all stripes, push through cuts in healthcare, education, and social services to free up money to fuel their growing war machine.

These same rulers and their bought and paid for political stooges use racism to divide workers, including immigrants vs non-immigrants. Some workers, frustrated by the conditions so many suffer here in "the land of freedom and opportunity," buy into the racist lies pushed by the capitalist exploiters who run this system and the politicians who work for them. They attack these migrants as "illegals," a threat to their neighborhoods and a drain on the economy.

Last week, hundreds of racists demonstrated in front of a former Catholic high school on Staten Island, now being used as a shelter for a proposed 300 women and families. They were organized by a local racist, Scott LoBaido, who is supported by racist Staten Island politicians like Nicole Malliotakis. When an injunction forbidding the use of the school as a shelter was overruled, the racists announced another demonstration, to be held on August 28th.

A Staten Islander myself, I learned of the demonstration that morning and alerted the Party leadership. Within hours, 30 Progressive Labor Party (PLP) comrades and friends had gathered and planned a counter demonstration in support of the migrant refugees. Chanting loudly, with CHALLENGE, leaflets, and placards, joined by some neighborhood workers, we marched to the school at the opposite end of the street from the racists. Using a bullhorn, we voiced greetings and messages of support to the migrants inside in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole. Before we left, we promised to return in greater numbers to confront the racists and to show the migrants that the racists did not represent all Staten Islanders.

PLP's line is that what we call the Big Fascists are a bigger threat to workers than the Small Fascists. We must stand up against the open Small Fascist racists like Malliotakis and LoBaido, as we did on Staten Island. However, we must not be fooled by the Big Fascists like NYC Mayor Adams, NYS Governor Hochul, and U.S. President Biden. These covert racists are only too happy to see workers fighting each other, instead of joining together to fight for communism and destroy this racist capitalist system that cannot provide the jobs, housing, healthcare, and education we all deserve and need.



Rest in power, comrade Finley

Black, Latin and white workers and students through the Nazi-infested, previously “whites only” Marquette Park. At a march in Tupelo, Mississippi, he was shot and injured by a cowardly member of the Ku Klux Klan.

In the mid-1970’s, in an obvious set-up, Finley was fired by the University of Wisconsin for his antiracist activities. His field of expertise was American Literature and race in the late 1800’s. The committee that voted him down included a Black meteorologist and a Black jazz musician. Neither had any grasp of Finley’s field, but because they were members of the school’s Afro-American Studies department, the university used them to provide cover to kick him out.

A strong voice for multiracial unity

Finley embraced the Party’s line that racism was rooted in the class conflict of capitalism. He attacked the Black class traitors who allied with the capitalist bosses and deeply believed that multiracial working-class unity was essential—both to smash racism and to destroy the profit system. He had no patience for fake-left terms such as “white privilege” and “white supremacy,” which mask the class content of racism and divide Black and Latin workers from white workers. As he recently wrote: “Remember: It was our old enemies in the revisionist and so-called black nationalist movements which revived this false term [white supremacy] as a way of confusing the working class about the true nature of their exploitation and oppression – not white supremacy, but green supremacy – finance capital. We won’t be fooled again.”

From the 1990’s until very recently, Finley taught at working class colleges and organized in the Unitarian Church to help win youth and people in the community to the antiracist struggle. From organizing study groups to raising money for international work to being a powerful voice and mentor for the Party’s understanding of racism, he never stopped fighting for the working



class.

A true communist to the end

Finley did not shy away from the term “communism.” In fact, he lamented how some barely mentioned Marx and Lenin as “the shoulders on which we stand to see further.” Even when he used theological language, it was always in the context of Marxism-Leninism. He was unafraid to raise questions within our organization, a practice we all need to emulate as a necessity

Memorial Service for Finley
Saturday, September 23
4 PM CT, 5:00 pm EST, and 2:00 pm PST
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in building a vibrant Party. But he remained a true antiracist communist to the end. Finley was a tireless fighter, building an antiracist group of more than one hundred workers in the Unitarian Church from all over the U.S. and planning meetings up until his death. One of his last requests was for the Party to continue to get CHALLENGE to workers to whom he’d been delivering it without fail.

The struggle for multiracial unity against racism and for a world free of exploitation and oppression would have been far weaker without Finley. Our Party is so much stronger because of his decades of consistent and dedicated work.

Finley leaves behind Roberta (Bobbi), his devoted wife and partner in life and political struggle; children Phillip, Paulette, David, Kathi, and Mark; grandchildren Taylor, Bryanna, Lya, Lanny, Laïssa, and Anastasia; and a grateful international working class.

He also leaves behind his wisdom and profound commitment. He directly influenced thousands of workers, who in turn will continue to influence tens and hundreds of thousands. Finley will live on as long as the fight continues for a world free of racism and exploitation.

A memorial service in Chicago will be held on Saturday, September 23, on Finley’s 89th birthday at 4 PM (Central) in person or via zoom.

RED EYE ON THE NEWS . . .

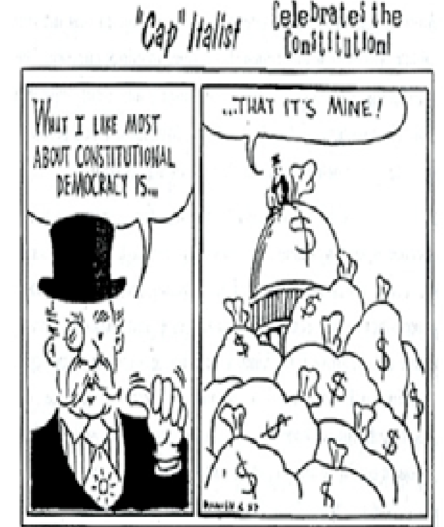
Israeli fascists work to evict Eritrean workers

Al Jazeera, 9/3–Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said he wants Eritrean refugees and migrants involved in a violent clash in Tel Aviv to be deported immediately and has ordered a plan to remove all of the country’s African migrants…after bloody protests by rival groups of Eritreans in south Tel Aviv left dozens of people injured…He requested that the ministers present him with plans “for the removal of all the other illegal infiltrators,” and noted in his remarks that the Supreme Court struck down some measures meant to coerce the refugees to leave… Under international law, Israel cannot forcibly send migrants back to a country where their life or liberty may be at risk…About 25,000 African migrants live in Israel, mainly from Sudan and Eritrea, who say they fled conflict or repression. Israel recognizes very few as asylum seekers, seeing them overwhelmingly as economic migrants, and says it has no legal obligation to keep them.

Neo-nazis fight for control of Florida

The Jerusalem Post, 9/4–Neo-Nazis from the antisemitic Goyim Defense League (GDL) held demonstrations across Florida on Saturday, right-wing Jewish journalist, Laura Loomer revealed in videos posted… the following day.

In one video, Loomer records video as she approaches the assembled group of white supremacists, all of whom are wearing red shirts. Many of the red shirts bear the image of a skull on the font with the acronym, GDL, plastered on the skull’s forehead…The back of the shirts bear the number “88.”… 88 is a white supremacist code for “Heil Hitler.” On Saturday after-



noon, the extremist groups Goyim Defense League (GDL) and Blood Tribe (BT) appeared together in the greater Orlando area for what they called the “March of the Redshirts." Over 50 participants joined the march wearing matching uniforms (red shirts, black masks and black pants), waving swastika flags, performing Hitler salutes and shouting hateful messages that included “White power” and “Jews will not replace us.”

Reports of China’s demise may be premature

NikkeiAsia, 9/3–In the eyes of Western mainstream media, China's economy is in an unrecoverable free fall. In a cover story last month, the Economist magazine said the economy is beyond repair…Nobel economics laureate Paul Krugman said China has "lost a lot of its dynamism" and is in "policy paralysis," warning that "the next few years may be quite ugly."…Beijing is on track to hit its 2023 target of gross domestic product growth of "around 5%" as set at the National People's Congress session in March. State media continues to offer upbeat news…Yet on some level, the doomsayers have a point: The world's second-largest economy is facing a consumption downturn…Chinese people are squirreling away a third of their income into savings…It is notable though that 84% of Chinese studying abroad these days return to their homeland after graduation to seek work…these young Chinese see more opportunity at home…than overseas.

European ruling class fighting to bring back deposed Niger president

The Spectator, 8/11–The first time Mohamed Bazoum came to the attention of the European media was in the aftermath of the Great Migrant Crisis of 2015. The man who was the president of Niger, was at that time the minister of the interior…It was his responsibility to implement an accord between Niger and the European Union to stem the flow of migrants through his country north towards the Mediterranean coast. Up until 2011 such attempts to reach Europe would have ended unsuccessfully at the Libyan border, but after the West ousted Colonel Muammar Gaddafi in 2011 anarchy replaced order in Libya, and the smugglers made hay…The numbers then plummeted…This was to a large extent down to the Niger government, which in 2015 enacted Law 36, a zero tolerance approach to people trafficking. Bazoum was zealous in implementing the new law, in the process earning the respect and the admiration of Brussels…Law 36 was not well received in Niger. It may have made Bazoum popular with the EU… but many Nigeriens were angry at his victory.

FINLEY, A COMMUNIST FIGHTER TILL THE END

The working class lost a great fighter against racism and for working class power when Dr. Finley Calvin Campbell died at his home in Chicago on August 18. A fearless, committed, and uncompromising comrade, Finley was still organizing meetings from his bedside in the last days of his life.

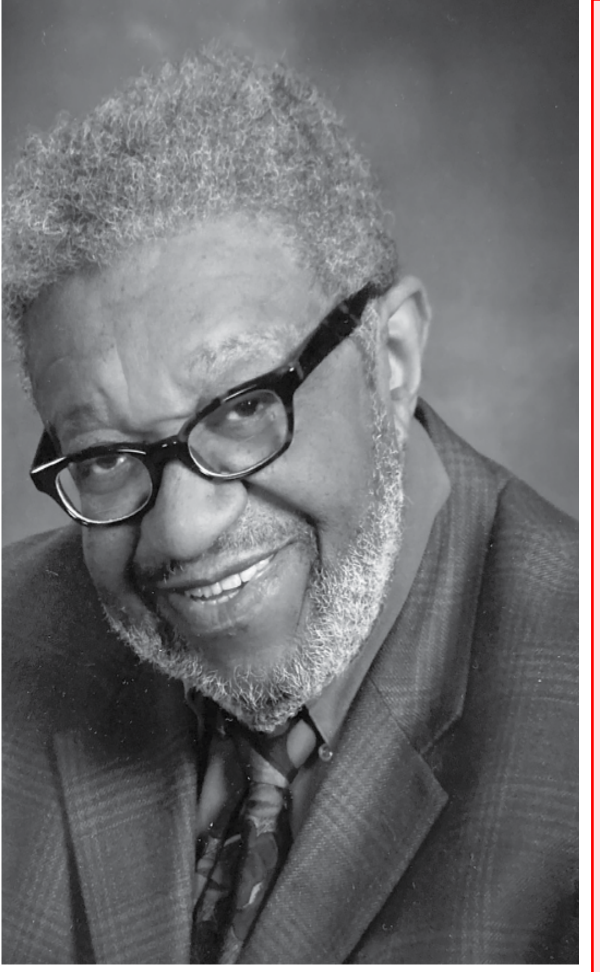
Finley was born in Anderson, South Carolina, on September 23, 1934. At age eight, his family moved to Detroit, where he lived until 1952. He was educated at Morehouse College in Atlanta and the University of Chicago, where he earned his PhD in literature studying with renowned historian John Hope Franklin.

While in Atlanta, Finley wrote speeches for Maynard Jackson, later the city's mayor, and was on a first-name basis with historian Howard Zinn. His PhD dissertation, mentored by Franklin, is a historical analysis of the literature of Black Reconstruction after the U.S. Civil War. During a year spent studying French at the Sorbonne in Paris, he met his first wife, Liliane. After their marriage, she had to "pass as Black" for them to be able to live together legally in Georgia.

With his impressive credentials, Finley could have made a career in politics or become one of those well-known, wealthy Black intellectuals who are so highly prized by the capitalist establishment. But Finley rejected all of that. He immersed himself in the grassroots struggle against racist injustice and against the capitalist profit system.

A vivid first impression

Progressive Labor Party first encountered Finley in July, 1971, in Gary, Indiana. About fifty members of the Party and Students for a Democratic Society were picketing outside the U.S. Steel plant on the last day before the union's contract expired. Finley was walking down the street, having just walked out of a meeting of Black politicians because of their anti-white stance. He lit up when he saw the protest, strode over, and joined the picket line. Within five minutes, Finley was giving a speech and leading chants through the bullhorn. "Who is this guy?" people said. He inspired the picket line with his booming voice and his call for working class unity against the capitalists. At the time, we didn't know that he had organized the Malcolm X Institute at Wabash College—where he was the first Black professor, and from which he was fired for antiracist activities. We didn't know that he'd run for governor of Indiana on the Peace and Freedom Party ticket,



Lifelong fighter for communist working class power

getting thousands of votes from white and Black workers alike.

The Party and Finley began to work together. He continued to organize activities in Indiana, including the original "Halloween against Racism" demonstration at St. Joseph's College, complete with a powerful speech about the monsters and vampires of racism. Finley took a faculty position at the University of Wisconsin in Madison and moved there with his then wife, Vicki. During that time, with Toby Schwartz and others, he was instrumental in organizing the International Committee Against Racism. One early victory was a full-page ad in the New York Times that denounced racist IQ theories and was signed by over a hundred leading experts in the field.

Fighting racists from Chicago to Tupelo

In 1975, Finley was a leader of the INCAR/PLP Boston Summer Project to confront the gutter racists of South Boston and integrate Carson Beach. At a historic demonstration in Chicago, Finley was on the sound truck as we led 700

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Finley Campbell and the 1979 Tupelo Summer Project

Progressive Labor Party (PLP), and its allies in the International Committee Against Racism (INCAR), organized a Summer Project in Tupelo Mississippi in 1979 when the KKK claimed Tupelo as its national headquarters. Volunteers flowed in, among them Finley Campbell. Finley was an experienced fighter by then and inspired all the newer volunteers to give their best.

The Project built its base within the Black community. We canvassed the area with literature, organized meetings and study groups. By July, the Project called for a mass march starting in the Black neighborhood and leading to downtown Tupelo.

The Project organized its own security forces watching out for the KKK in white and blue. The marchers held a rally when they arrived downtown. An armed gunman appeared on the fringe of the crowd. He fired a round of birdshot at the two speakers, Finley Campbell and Carolyn Eubanks wounding them both. The gunman began to reload. Our security team rushed forward tackling him to the ground and giving him the beating he deserved. Instantly the police arrested the head of the security team. He was charged with attempted murder for stopping the shooter.

The local prosecutor convened a Grand Jury planning to indict our comrade by calling the victims, Carolyn and Finley, to testify about what happened!

The lawyer explained to Carolyn and Finley that our only chance in defending our comrade was for them to refuse to testify – to plead the 5th. Finley was extremely frustrated that he had to remain silent. He was a passionate orator who spoke in the powerful style of the preacher he was. He was electric. Silence Finley! Surely not! But silent he was in the cause of saving a comrade. He often talked in later years of the many experiences of Tupelo 1979. The most painful was not the birdshot—it was the time this mighty speaker had to remain silent. Finley set an example that day in Tupelo that lives on in our collective memories.

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